

COMMON GRACKLE PHILOPATRY IN NORTH DAKOTA. On 19 May 1991, we banded a nestling Common Grackle in Fargo, North Dakota. The bird (band 1213-19645) was subsequently recovered in West Fargo, North Dakota, about 3 km west of the banding site, on 3 June 1992. The bird was destroyed in a farm shelterbelt by a house cat and no morphological information could be obtained. Previous banding has shown that adult grackles from Eastern North Dakota winter in Arkansas and Louisiana (Bray et al. 1973, *Bird-Banding* 44:1-11). Common Grackles are considered rare winter residents in South Dakota (SDOU, 1991, *The Birds of South Dakota*) and even rarer in North Dakota. Therefore we believe that this bird provides a case for natal philopatry in North Dakota. David L. Bergman, USDA, Denver Wildlife Research Center, North Dakota Field Station, NDSU, Fargo ND 58105 and H. Jeffrey Homan, Zoology Department, NDSU, Fargo ND 58105.